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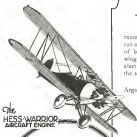
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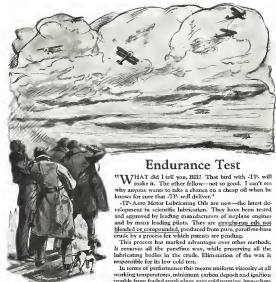
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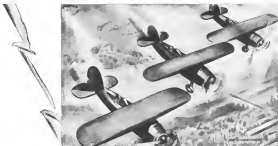
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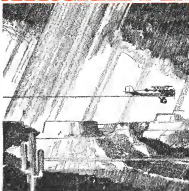
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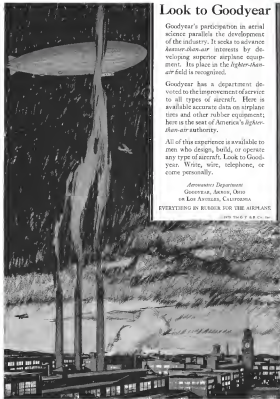
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Foot Struts

WING-WALKING, glaze-dragging, and trap performance on the landing gear baggage are some of the things that the author, a disapproval of the Department of Commerce and of certain state regulatory authorities, combined with the unknown laws of frequent repetition at innumerable county fairs, are sending them to join tight-rope walkers over the brink of Niagara among the games no longer worth the candle. Only in the films do they wave in great force, and even there the battles to the death waged on the wing of a Jerry become less frequent, and the stunt men are turning their energies to the more legitimate, if no less hair-raising, art of crashing planes with picturesque completeness in war pictures.

The disappearance of stunting competitions conducted on a level with the horsepans in order that the judges might view in detail the pilot's virtuosity is an equally unwelcome sign. Stunting is disappearing from civil aviation, as it should, and being relegated to its proper place as a necessary military operation, to be deployed on occasion by selected military and naval pilots, operating under conditions ensuring a reasonable degree of safety. Violent acrobatics form no part of the regular requirements of civil flying, and the competent civilian pilot ought to have more important things to do.

But spectators must have their thrill. As personal acrobatics on the airplane go out, parachute stunting comes in. These are alarming indications of a renewed interest in delayed-opening-deep records and even of the holding of competitions to be won by the jumper who allows himself to fall nearest to the ground before pulling the release ring.

It is difficult to find words to characterize such performance. To offer a prize to the competitor who is willing to come nearest to crashing outside in front of a crowd is to guarantee an event on a moral level with the gladiatorial combats of the Roman Empire. The occasional making, by skilled and experienced men, of jumps from high altitudes in which the opening of the parachute is deliberately delayed is justifiable as an experi-

ment and as a means of instilling confidence in their parachute into novice pilots who witness or hear of the test. Such trials ought, however, to be made under rigorous specifications from higher authority, and the competitive element ought to be firmly excluded.

The aviation industry will have to find the great bulk of its markets among people who have no special desire for excitement. Every suggestion, direct or indirect, that the airplane or the parachute or any other aerial device is a stunt instrument can be relied on to increase sales resistance. The industry should stand with a united front against whatever impairs the build or the harnessing into the aeronautical atmosphere and it should have the full support of the government departments concerned.



Country Club Aviation

THERE ARE as many different levels of flying as there are of operation on the surface of the water. Motor-boating and sailing as sports would make very poor progress if they had to depend on the past facilities established for ocean travel. Similarly flying for pleasure has been grievously handicapped in many communities by the necessity of basing it upon a field established and planned from wholly commercial considerations.

The best field for air transport operations is located near to a business center, sometimes on filled land along a commercial waterfront. Properly in an industrial area where highways of approach were designed for heavy trucking rather than for omnibuses and where lights and signals and signals are not wholly unnecessary. The same is true of many railroad stations, and the traveler will tolerate such inconveniences for the sake of the time that he saves, but the pilot on pleasure hunt is less likely to accept them with complacency. Some cities have found land close at hand is an attractive suburb which can be developed as a commercial airport, but such good fortune

center be discussed, and many residential communities firmly oppose the entry of commerce in any guise.

The logical solution is the separation of private and commercial flying, at least in the largest cities and the provision of flying facilities in conjunction with those country club atmosphere which the pilot maintaining his own plane for pleasure is likely to appreciate. Clubhouse and tennis courts or swimming pool or the like are hardly less important than hangars in making the flying field a place of week-end residence.

It is upon that general theory, and also with the object of providing for the co-operative ownership of planes for the sole use of club members, aparting there the necessity of maintaining individual machines at all times that the Aviation Country Clubs have been founded. The opening of the first Aviation Country Club's west on Long Island two weeks ago marks the inauguration of a movement that deserves to grow and that should have the fullest support of the aviation industry.

The development of fields that are pleasant places for sport flying, either alone or in combination with certain commercial operations, need not, however, be solely in the hands of clubs. There is an opportunity for commercial organizations to provide similar service. Field operators should provide buildings that are neat and extensive and insist that they be kept so. Club-rooms and special hangar space may be set aside for the use of private pilots and their guests. And supplemented by some of the maintenance equipment of a week-end resort. The impulse to private ownership of a plane will be strengthened where too often the business-like and snooty-of-the-air atmosphere, as well as the environment of a commercial airport acts to stifle it. The operator of the field will put itself as line for increased revenues for instruction, storage and servicing, and one of the aircraft manufacturer's most promising future markets will be broadened.



No Circus

THE INCLUSION of a women's cross-country race in the recent Dayton's National Air Races is a significant innovation. For the first time there are enough women there to warrant an event of this kind. The prize money which will amount to ten thousand dollars places the event very distinctly in the professional class. Several of the women who plan to enter are earning their living through some connection with the flying game, though some of them are employed solely as pilots.

There are only about sixty licensed women flyers against six thousand men, but a considerable number have shown real ability. Although there may be a question as to whether women will compete with men as professional pilots, they should be allowed to prove their flying ability. Much of the flying these by women has

been for the sake of publicity, either for themselves or for the people who were exploiting them. A 2,000 mile flight is a real affair. It is to be hoped that neither any of the participants nor the spectators now sitting along the route will give the event a circus flavor. The women are out to show that they really can fly. Go easy on the entertainment and see what they can do.



Airships Across the Pacific

THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT of a plan to operate the first American rigid airship service from California to Honolulu, rather than across the Atlantic, may have surprised some who read it. If so, they know little of the Eastern Pacific or of the relative difficulties presented in flying there and on the North Atlantic.

Modern airships have repeatedly proved their ability to make the Atlantic crossing. With the exception of the Graf Zeppelin's recent false start, when a storm was forced by engine trouble, they have a perfect record of completion of all the flights attempted. On the other hand, the Atlantic has been smacked judiciously at selected seasons and in weather conditions at least promising not to be abnormally bad. More experience is needed before a regular service can be scheduled to carry passengers that year round. The run to Hawaii crosses a region in which severe storms are almost unknown. The winds are of virtually constant direction and force. There are no extremes of temperature to be encountered. The distance is even shorter than that between New York and London. It offers an excellent opportunity for getting experience in safety and handling up the airship's reputation for reliability of operation among the lay public. Continuous service to Europe would be a natural sequel. It is no confusion of witnesses to tackle first the problem which promises to be simplest of solution.

There is no aerial undertaking which is more deserving of governmental support than the attempt to provide unopposed communications with that little piece of America which lies in mid-Pacific. Although it goes without saying that we always seek for the best and swiftest means of travel between our own territory and all foreign lands, it is a matter of relatively little national concern whether or not the tourist saves a couple of days on his way to Europe. To facilitate frequent visits to the mainland by the American resident in Hawaii, however, it would have to do his business here by personal contact and to keep in constant touch with the way of life in the continental United States, should be a vital concern of national policy. The starting of an airship service that will cut the time from the East and a half days that is the best possible by existing means to someone like forty hours ought to be promoted by sub-

ventions and solid contracts of extreme liberality, even if it is then necessary to economize by passing up any provisions for trans-Pacific operation. Congress ought to set in the first emergency to broaden the forces of naval contract law. As originally passed, it was adapted for only limited range of uses, such as even in using airplanes of moderate size for service in the Caribbean or elsewhere where such loads at best are relatively light. Until the legal situation is clear, and the means to be had from governmental sources is positively known, it cannot be expected that financial support for airship lines to our Pacific possessions will be easy to find.



With Jammed Controls

IT IS many months since the Department of Commerce, with great wisdom, pronounced a regulation prohibiting the carrying of passengers for hire behind a dual control unless it had first been rendered inoperative. Unfortunately the newspapers bring occasional evidence, often in tragic form, that the rule is being ignored and that pilots are unaware of its existence or scope. Unfortunately a scarce passenger who rules free, as the guest of the pilot, is quite as likely to grab the stick at a critical moment, or to jam his toe under the rudder-bar and keep it there, as one who pays five dollars for fast trip. Unfortunately the rudder-bar, which very frequently cannot be released, is sometimes "rendered inoperative" by covering it up as so shaped a fixture that the possibility of jamming it by no means absolutely excluded.

This is a serious hazard. It is a reasonable one, and there should be a concerted effort to eliminate it. There is no place for a back-seat driver on an airplane. Especially if he does not know how to drive.

The regulations covering the matter should be vigorously enforced, and its enforcement should not be left to the periodic visits of an overworked Commerce inspector. Field inspectors should insist that every pilot, however great his personal skill, show it, precisely at cost of their make it their business to see that the plane takes the air without registration or identification numbers. The present regulation should be broadened to include spare passengers under certain conditions. On the other hand, it would be easy to go too far, and even the existing rule falls with undue severity on some individuals. There is no reason to forbid an experienced passenger, who may be physically incapacitated for a pilot's license or who may not care to go to the trouble of getting a master's permit, trying the controls of a plane while in flight. A designer who is quite unable to qualify as a pilot may often wish to do that much. It would be outrageous to prevent him.

It is the passenger's experience and aeronautical knowledge, not the amount that he pays for the flight, that determines his ability in proximity to a control. The

burden of proof should be on the passenger, but he should not simply be forbidden to touch the stick. Perhaps there should be a 24-hour class of students permitted in physical examination and proof for several years, permitting dual instruction but no solo flying at any time. Perhaps the same can be better accomplished in some other manner.

The Department of Commerce and the pilots cannot dispose of this issue alone. The manufacturer of airplanes also has a responsibility. No machine should ever go out fitted with dual control without some positively safe means of removing the control or making obstruction impossible. Means to that end should never have to be extorted by the operator of the plane. They must be put into the machine by the designer.



Manufacturer Participation

AS THESE FEW LINES are being written the City of Cleveland is on the ground with a new works refueling endurance record to its credit. Her crew are receiving deserved congratulations on the performance which led them to success, and well a dozen other planes are in the air over various parts of the country with their pilots, each seeking to establish an even better record.

To say that this latest aeronautical feat as conducted at the moment is not particularly helpful to the industry would be but a waste of words, for as long as there are pilots there will be a constant attempt to out-do the other chap at any new stunt that becomes popular.

Although human stamina has sometimes proved the limiting factor in two-man refueling flights, when the mechanics does fail in a long flight the knowledge of just why it failed is unquestionably of definite value to the development of better aircraft and engines. Which all means that it would prove a splendid thing if such refueling tests were to be conducted by airplane and engine manufacturers themselves instead of by cheap who are neither fine pilots but are not aeronautical engineers. If records are worth making at all they are worth the while of the industry.

In days gone by the plane and engine manufacturers set back and let the Army and Navy fly their products to all sorts of new records and all sorts of favorable advertising and publicity, and today they are coming back and watching the commercial pilots do the same thing. That the modern plane and engine are credits to these designers is obvious. They are products of which all recovered in their development have reason to be proud. Yet there will always be room for improvement and if all the manufacturers would combat or closely supervise more extensive stock-model operation tests such as endurance flights, they would obtain valuable data on the faults of their products which they can cover up by black testing and wind-tunnel experiments alone.

THE PART THAT THE Dealer PLAYS

By R. SIDNEY BOWEN, JR.

THE PART that the dealer plays in a national sales organization is in a sense, the most important part of all for it is the dealer who actually contacts the buying public. The manufacturer may make a good product; the distributor may distribute this product efficiently and effectively in his territory, but it is selling the power of the dealer to win on by his selling promises all of the effort and time that the manufacturer and distributor of a plane and then sell the final retail sale. Naturally, no dealer will knowingly endeavor to sell a sale. However, it is within his power to do so, and possessing that power makes him the most important part of a national sales organization whose principal goal is increasing retail sales volume.

Because of that responsibility that rests with the dealer, manufacturers and distributors should exert more than a little care in the selection of dealers. And that, incidentally, works two ways. The dealer should be just as particular in the selection of the product he intends to merchandise. As regards good products, bad products, fast selling products, and slow selling products, the automotive industry is no different from any other industry that is catering to a buying public. At the present time most manufacturers are buying an all out to an effort to build up a national selling organization and because of that, almost any sufficiently financed individual or organization can obtain an airplane dealership for the asking. "Correct customer" might prove a fitting motto for the prospective dealer who now stands upon the threshold of the automotive industry.

HAVING ONLY STUDIED the products available and assured himself of what is worth while and what is not, the dealer's next step is to determine the nature of the market that exists in his locality. Of course, there is the possibility of creating that market. Yet, on the other hand, he who starts with some sort of a market to build needs a much better chance of obtaining adequate business tomorrow in the first year, than he who starts from scratch. In other words, the dealer should pick the product to sell the needs of his local market and not pick a market to sell any plane that he chooses under contract. As an example, selling two-seater transports to flying clubs is just as lucrative as selling refrigerators to Eskimos. All of which means that the prospective dealer should rightly study and analyze the market or markets that exist in the territory where he intends to conduct his business. Then select the plane that fits in with the needs of the most promising market.

There is, of course, the matter of representing more than one manufacturer, and although this practice is at present being discouraged to quite some extent, it is really not altogether bad business from the viewpoint of the dealer, or from the standpoint of the manufacturers concerned, provided each plane has as altogether separate selling story and is not a direct competitor of the other. For instance, a four or six-passenger cabin job that fits in well with the needs of business houses



The old saying that - there is an exception to every rule - can be applied in full to this article which deals with the part that the dealer plays in a national sales organization. While sales methods are all fundamentally similar, local conditions and the human element add or detract from their respective values.

is not going to injure the sales chances of a two place sport or training plane. That is, if the dealer gives attention to both markets, and no words while dealer is going to take on one or more products if he thinks that one may lag by the way. As a matter of fact, his ultimate selling costs and overhead will keep his efforts judicious.

Having determined the right market and having selected and obtained the dealership of a plane which suits the needs of that market the dealer then endeavors upon the task of driving dollars and cents profit through the sale of airplanes, period. By that we mean that no progressive dealer should be restricted solely to the sale of airplanes. As a matter of fact at the present time he would stand to death through lack of business. Therefore he takes on related accounts,

such as parts and accessories, flying equipment, etc. And most important of all, the up and coming dealer establishes servicing facilities for the benefit of his customers and, incidentally, his own bank account. A reputation for good service is one of the first selling assets that a dealer can possess. It not only holds the good will of his customers but enables him to contact them for new or additional sales.

It is, of course, assumed that the dealer has availed himself of space at the local flying field is the event that he does not have a flying field of his own, and also that he has purchased a demonstrator plane in which to fly his prospects.

With the price of airplanes at present being more than the average pocketbook can stand on an all cash basis, it is to the advantage of the dealer to make arrangements with some reputable financing company to carry his customers through a time payment period. In the matter the dealer should select and represent the assistance of his distributor and the manufacturer as it is highly part of their job to assist him in every way possible to increase his sales volume. Naturally they also benefit from such advances.

THE SELLING METHODS to be employed by a dealer are dependent upon the type of product he is endeavoring to sell. For instance, if he is handling a sport plane, he will direct his selling efforts toward the convincing of prospective customers of the pleasure advantages, etc., to be gained by owning "such-and-such" a plane. Whereas, if he is handling a business man's plane such as a cabin job, he will naturally go after the business world and endeavor to convince his prospects of the advantages of getting from one place to another in a

small amount of time and in comfort and so forth, in "such-and-such" a plane. In other words, go after them along the idea of the plane being a valuable business asset to them.

An astute dealer who is handling a plane suitable for business purposes has met with a certain amount of success, by convincing by letter a selected group of business houses. In the letter he points out to them how they can profit in their own particular business by owning a plane, and illustrates his point with a few examples of other business houses which already possess planes. He finishes up by inviting them, or their representative, to take a demonstrator flight.

Another dealer has made arrangements with the local high school, whereby the winner of a certain school contest is given a free ride and a certain amount of preliminary instruction. This dealer, of course, conducts a flying school and that, incidentally, is considered one of the best ways to sell airplanes as it follows that he who learns on a certain type of plane naturally selects that type of plane when he makes his own purchase.

However, a danger to be avoided by dealers who endeavor schools is that of flooding their sales effort for the profit to be derived from teaching persons to fly. It is a splendid idea for dealers to take on as many related activities as it is profitable, but to coordinate these activities in the ultimate idea of selling airplanes. Remember for the moment to the question of airplane servicing, too much emphasis cannot be placed upon this most important subject. It is not exaggeration to say that servicing will prove to be the backbone of successful airplane dealerships. In the automotive industry it is

suggested that many car dealers are making more money out of their service stations than they are out of selling new cars. Every single automobile dealer who made money during the year 1928 made a substantial profit from his service department. That may be true because of the fact that the automotive market is at present flooded with used cars. Yet on the other hand, it is a fact that labor is more costly, less quality production material, and the automotive dealer is cashing in on the labor in his servicing department. It is altogether logical that the airplane dealer should do likewise, when quantity production of airplanes reduces the cost of material below the cost of labor.

Incidentally, the service department is a source of many revenues, such as labor, materials, accessories and the taking advantage of cash discounts on bills.

The cash discounts referred to do not include the discount for airplanes, as they are usually paid for by a deposit when the order is placed and the balance when delivery is made. However, cash discounts do include parts purchased, accessories, etc. At first the usual 2-5% allowed on the payment of bills within ten days might seem a rather trivial sum, yet over the course of a year it amounts up to a well worth while figure.

It is, of course, possible that a dealer may not be able to fix his way clear enough to establish a service station of his own because of the cost of initial equipment and personnel to handle the station and the manufacturer may not care to do this for him at the start. But if he is not so, then he should make arrangements for his customers to obtain service elsewhere. If perhaps the dealer is located at a flying field, that includes dealers of other planes, some sort of an arrangement might be made whereby one service station functions for the entire group of dealers. There are undoubtedly some manufacturers who would not favor such an idea, particularly if the other dealers happen to be representatives of competing manufacturers. Yet on the other hand, it is a rather good idea, in view of the fact that all manufacturers would be having their planes available at one from the standpoint of the customer to that locality. Otherwise it might be the case of these "independent" dealer doing without the valuable item of service as an asset to his business. There is no reason why the automotive industry cannot benefit by the realities of the aviation industry. In the early days the automobile manufacturers were most jealous of each other and they would not even consider the idea of cooperative servicing. As a result their sales volume suffered through the creating of dissatisfied users because they could not find the service that they needed and were rightly entitled to receive.

Advertising, of course, plays its very important part in the business career of an airplane dealer. The advertising help that a dealer should expect from a manufacturer will be in the form of actual advertising. The dealer may also participate in the distributor advertising sponsored by the manufacturer. In other words, the manufacturer will place an advertisement or conduct an advertising campaign in a number of national periodicals and in this he will mention the names and addresses of his various dealers. The dealer will also receive assistance in advertising from the distributor, as well as the assistance he receives from the manufacturer, with the exception that the distributor's advertising will be confined to his own territory and will not be of a national nature. The advertising that the dealer himself

does is strictly retail advertising and of course there are many forms of retail advertising. One is direct mail advertising, or circulars and letters sent to prospective customers in the territory. There is one progressive dealer who has made arrangements with the local motion picture house to run a short reel of film of pictures taken in flight and pictures of airplanes in the air. Every so often a contest, or a lucky ticket contest, is conducted among the patronage of the motion picture house, and the winner is given a free ride in an airplane. Such methods are of course, just creating a certain amount of non-resistance that may lead to actual sales.

ANOTHER DEALER has made arrangements with a local automobile dealer to display one of his airplanes in the automobile showroom. A member of the airplane dealer's staff is at hand at all times to answer questions and give out any information desired. As a matter of fact, this experiment has proved rather successful, according to the plane dealer. Then, of course, there are various means of advertising that can be looked up with a dealer's flying school, to say nothing of the advertising methods that can be applied to the merchandising of the dealer's related activities, such as parts, accessories, etc. Naturally, the dealer can count on advertising help from the manufacturer such as flyers, folders, catalogs, etc.

Of course, it is highly advisable for the dealer to take an active part in all local aeronautics shows and, personally, it might be in his advantage to take special pains to attend all the major aeronautics conferences held in his locality or perhaps throughout the country. At least those that pertain to his business, or his activities.

It is also a good idea for the dealer to make periodic visits to the factory in order that he may personally contact the manufacturer that he represents, and become intimately acquainted with the making of the product which he is endeavoring to sell. The more of the picture that he can learn by heart the better he should be able to present his story to the prospective airplane owner.

It is not intended to convey the idea that the dealer should be a sort of expert, but rather that his own ability and effort will determine his success in selling airplanes. He is not an expert on engines, engines and parts, the almost countless and co-existent of his distributor and the manufacturer. Yet, he should not go over the head of the distributor and commit only the manufacturer. If the distributor requires, and most of them do, that all dealings with the factory be made through the distributor, then the dealer must use his head and watch his step. However, he is really in business for himself and should bear in mind that it is the application of sound business principles, merged with original and practical ideas, and the co-ordination of all activities toward a common goal that will go far in making him a successful and progressive dealer. If he is a bona fide merchandiser, then so much the better. If he is not, which is usually the case, then he should take full advantage of the opportunities offered to make himself a merchandiser in the shortest space of time.

THE TUNISON "Scout" MONOPLANE



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Airplane Having Molded Plywood Structure Without Internal Bracing is Approach to Flying Wing Type

PROBABLY one of the nearest approaches to the true flying wing airplane that has yet made its appearance in this country is the new molded plywood monoplane designed and built by M. C. Tunison. Passengers are carried in the wing of this plane, the engine is mounted inboard directly to the wing and landing gear, and the fuselage, which carries tail stresses only, is connected directly to the upper surface of the wing. Although a most remarkable plane in both appearance and construction, successful flight tests have proved the "Scout" to be a thoroughly practical airplane.

All major structural parts of the Scout, with the exception of the engine mount, are of molded plywood without internal bracing. A full centerline, low wing, noseplane, covering plate and three passengers in an enclosed cabin, the sharply tapered wing with a very deep chord at the root most closely resembles the famous Italian Sirocco. With a span of 36 ft., length of 31 ft., and overall height of 23 ft., the "Scout" has a total wing area of 270 sq ft. and is gross weight loaded at 5,650 lb.

Of the many unusual features found in this plane the most important is the basic structural system by which all parts are molded of plywood so as to carry all stresses in the skin without internal bracing. This construction provides an essentially one-piece wing, hollow from tip to tip, and so strong that it may be freely walked on anywhere without damage. There are no spars within the wing and but four ribs in each side to prevent flattening, all strength being built into the plywood shell itself, which is reinforced of varying thickness according to the loads carried by the various portions. The fuselage also is of skin stressed, or monocoque type, and has no internal bracing other than a number of lateral bulkheads. Since it carries only the stresses of the tail group the fuselage is comparatively light, being mounted

to the top of the wing and serving chiefly as a fairing around the passenger cockpit. Above the cockpit is mounted a cabin enclosure of structural form which will be detachable on all standard closed models so that the plane may readily be converted from closed to open type.

One of the most noticeable features of the Scout plane is the construction of the surrounding struts which carry the individual landing wheels. These molded plywood structures are mounted directly to the lower surface of the wing and completely enclose the wheels and shock absorbers. In addition to strutting the landing gear, these struts also act as such in case of landing gear failure, and it is believed that a safe landing could be made on an average field by the use of these struts alone.

The Scout was first flown by James Angel on Dec. 21, 1928, from Eddie Martin's airport, Santa Ana, Calif. Many subsequent flights have been made by Angel, Eddie Martin, and a number of other pilots, all of whom credit the plane with exceptionally high speed, fast climb, and good maneuverability. Angel landed the plane after his first flight with a run of less than 250 ft. without brakes, in spite of the fact that the excellent aerodynamic form of the plane gives it unusually high speed in a normal glide. As would be expected, the wood construction absorbs noise and vibration, and pilots report the Scout to be one of the smoothest and quietest planes they have ever flown. In addition to flying hands off, banking automatically, and recovering smooth flight from stalls and other maneuvers, the Scout has shown a natural tendency to hold its true line when banking on the ground, even in a cross wind. Although unusually maneuverable, the Scout cannot be steered wickedly, because of its wide wing, and with a gliding angle of better than ten to one with full load it is a strictly conventional plane.

Performances claimed by the makers are: high speed, 190 m.p.h.; cruising speed, 165 m.p.h.; landing speed, 45 m.p.h.; climb at sea level, 800 ft. per min.; and also late rating 24,000 ft. The experimental plane has been test flown with a 300 hp. Hispano H-3 engine, but production models are to be equipped with an standard aircraft engine of 200-400 hp. Performance has been checked by the test pilot only and not by official ground forces.

Three models of the Scout are to be placed in production—the Scout, Junior, a two place open training plane of from 25 to 150 hp; the Scout, Senior, a four place convertible closed or open craft of 200 to 400 hp; and the Scout Cruiser, a five to seven place cabin monoplane



Photograph showing the internal bracing and some of the details in the "Scout" monoplane.

of 400 to 600 hp. All will be of the same general type, varying only in overall dimensions, powerplant, and detailed equipment.

At the present time the Scout planes are to be equipped with any standard aircraft engine of suitable power, but a series of six engines has been finished by Mr. Tuxson and it is hoped eventually to use these as standard equipment. The Tuxson engine designs vary from 25 to 400 hp, and from two to eight cylinders. They are all of either opposed or V type, are all air and oil cooled, and certain models will be geared and supercharged. None of these engines has yet been completed for testing.

Before manufacture is commenced on the Scout planes an intensive series of flight tests will be completed with a multiple maneuver translation which records the pressure distribution over the wings, cabin and fuselage, at various speeds and attitudes of flight.

In designing the wing for the Scout, a careful study was made of accepted airfoils and their characteristics compared. The completed wing varies from a curve similar to the Goetting 387 at the root to one similar to the Clark Y at the tip and embodies features of the Huff, B.F.C., Royal Infanterie, and U.S.A. series. An analysis of the forces on the wing surface at varying speeds and angles of attack was made prior to the actual designing, the magnitude and areas of these forces was determined and the wing shape was then determined from the study of these characteristics. A set of curves of shear, buckle, and moments were laid on the plan, and the thickness of the wing surface required to meet these

conditions was then determined. With these factors decided a mass of strength was developed which would apply to both lower and upper surfaces of the wing, since these surfaces are the elements of the true system. The hollow wing developed is built on the structural principle of the modified truss-tube one and is a very efficient structure in weight-strength ratio, at the same time giving excellent aerodynamic qualities through the combination of wing curves used. In practice the wing cone walls are built up of layers of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. veneer varying from 38 layers at the outer with a thickness of 24 in. to five layers at the tips and trailing edges which have a thickness of approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ in., the leading edge being of maximum thickness. Thus the wing is a hollow cone of plywood moulded to the shape desired and of the varying thicknesses demanded by the forces, the whole being a matter of patented procedure. One particular advantage of this construction is that because of the comparatively great thickness and solidity of the wing surface, it is possible to mould it to a true wing curve at every point and to finish sand it to an almost perfect surface.

IN DEVELOPING this plywood construction, Mr. Tuxson and his assistants believe that they have found a logical way to build a good plane at low cost. Ordinary Selsa spruce and cedar, either roll cut or sheet, is used throughout, being fastened with the best screw glue by a process of heat and pressure. The ends and gunwales cost are only such as have been developed and proved in large plywood mills, very little special equipment being required and little skilled labor being needed. In addition the moulded plywood construction can be easily waterproofed and fireproofed inside and out, as it is on Scout planes, cannot deteriorate with or get out of line due to vibrations and noise, and will float indefinitely if the plane should be forced down in the water.

Three forms or models are employed in laying the plywood for the wing: one for the leading edge, and one each for upper and lower surfaces. The plywood is carefully cut and laid to meet the designed thickness and is built up by a process of dovetailing and of applying



A front view of the "Scout" plane showing the thickness of the upper portion of the wing ribs.

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lean and pressure. The upper and lower sheets are assembled to the leading edge section in a manner from which permanently set the wing rigging the rear edge is reinforced and the entire wing is glued, doweled, and riveted to withstand all forces. Thus the completed wing is one piece from tip to tip, is one simple streamlined system employing no joints, and is designed to carry 70 lb. per sq. ft. loading (European standard).

There are four ribs in each wing to prevent fluttering.

Model. Front quarter view of the plane with 1/8 in. Selsa spruce and cedar (left) and standard aircraft engine (right). The structure leading edge section can contain the leading edge in any shape. Below: A three view drawing of the airplane.



one being located in the root of the wing at the point of fuselage attachment on each side of the cabin, two over each leading gear dovetail to transmit landing stresses to the upper wing surface, and one near each wing tip to insure rigidity of the aileron mounting. Aside from these four ribs there is no internal structure within the wing surfaces, no struts, beams, or wires being employed.

With a maximum chord of 12 ft., the wing tapers to a chord of 5 ft. 6 in. at the tip and has a total weight

complete of 600 lb. Ailerons, also of moulded plywood construction, are mounted to struts at the wing tips, being set at a sharp angle across the tip and trailing edge of the wing, which gives excellent lateral control. These ailerons are heavily reinforced for rigidity at various angles. Ailerons are tapered in plan form with the maximum chord near the tip. Interior dows of wing and ailerons is by steel doweled and fireproofing lead. Exterior finish consists of Fibrolux cement smoothly



over the entire surface and heavily lacquered, providing efficient weatherproofing of the entire wing.

Also of moulded plywood construction, the fuselage is previously mentioned, is of monocoque type with internal bulkheads, and is built up over a form or an inverted U section. The fuselage is then held directly to the top of the wing through two metal L wings, the side plates of the fuselage being cut out to conform to the wing curve. The open side of the U, or bottom of the fuselage is closed by the aluminum engine covering forward of the wing, and by a flat plate of plywood from the trailing edge of the wing to the empennage. Although approximately rectangular in cross section, and with very little taper on either top or sides, the fuselage is tapered on its underside, fore and aft, to provide a smooth air flow around the entire structure. Since the engine is carried on a steel tube frame bolted directly to the forward portion of and the leading edge of the wing, the fuselage terminates just forward of the cabin enclosure and facing around the engine is completed by aluminum casing. Struts set up by the tail group in flight or by the skid in landing are the only links which the fuselage must carry and these are taken by the flat side plates of the structure.

Passenger seats are carried directly in the wing, which has a maximum depth of over 10 in. at the center, a cockpit being provided by cutting away the upper wing surface, the lower wing surface being the cabin door. Wing load stresses are carried around this cockpit cut out by a heavy reinforcement of wood veneer which is built in during construction of the wing, and the cabin is thus left entirely free of any internal structural members. The fuselage is 48 in. wide at the wing canvas and is set away to collapse the fuselage. Above this cockpit a cabin enclosure is moulded directly to the fuselage by means of a number of small bolts which are easily removed for conversion of the plane to open type. This cabin is offset to centerline engine torque automatically

SHORT SKETCHES OF THE Aeronautics Branch

William P. MacCracken, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Civil Aeronautics



THROUGHOUT the aviation industry thousands of letters are written weekly addressed to the "Aeronautics Branch, Department of Commerce." Back over the summers, signed by various names—Secretary MacCracken, Director Young, the chiefs of divisions and sections—Howard, Dingelhoff, Eise, Dr. Boncz, and so down the list. To some in the industry all but the first two mentioned remain just "names." To reveal something of the men behind the names, and to better acquaint the industry with the office heads of the Aeronautics Branch the following brief sketches are written.

Assistant Secretary W. P. MacCracken—"Bud" MacCracken is hundreds in aviation needs an introduction. Big of frame, hearty of nature and speech, famous for a ready smile that is more purely a grin, Secretary MacCracken has an outstanding capacity for work—a capacity that is often almost the despair of his secretary and two stenographers. A remarkable secretary is his executive ability, a chief's acute nature, and a lawyer's logical mind—these are but a few of the qualities that make up the man admired to be the first head of the Aeronautics Branch.

Though the carrying out of his policies is left to Director Young, and through him the division heads, Secretary MacCracken is by no means a figure-head. Without wasting time in routine details, he has well acquired a full knowledge of even secondary steps used in the various parts of his Branch. And once needed, the information is tucked away in his mind for ever, ready for instant use.

This personality has extended its influence into the office he controls, so forcibly that the gravity of "Bud" MacCracken will be found throughout the Aeronautics Branch. This spirit, and the democratic good-fellowship which is also a vital characteristic of the "Flying Sec-

retary" are in truth the backbone for the personnel of the organization. And in so submerging his helpers with this spirit, he has disengaged the dry "red tape," headwinds everywhere that is too often found in Government offices.

Director Clarence M. Young occupies a unique and distinctive position in the Department. To him is given the putting into effect of all of Secretary MacCracken's policies—and fortunately many of his own in counseling the Branch. Like MacCracken, he is a product of legal training combined with flying experience covering a period of 12 yr. In carrying on Department business he travels about the country in aircraft, thus maintaining his ability as an expert pilot.

In personality Director Young is quite different from his chief, but quite as effective. There is a hint of repressed energy in his quiet, almost serious manner. He speaks calmly, with force to his words, though his voice does not rise. The seriousness is lightened by quick flashes of humor that reveal a somewhat complex nature.

Director Young is the "consuming officer" type whose one frequent loss, like his, and will follow regularly. But this is not ever drawn of trying to overturn him—there is a look in his keen direct eyes and an iron quality about his jaw which prohibits that. He is a man who considers carefully and fairly when evidence is before him, makes up his mind, and does not change it except rarely. He is a genius at organization, seeing development and of current practicality for the work that will perform.

Other "left in charge of the ship" when Secretary MacCracken is away, Director Young handles matters of policy as much as he can. He has a cool, level-headed manner but if occasion requires he can speak bluntly and straight to the point.

Coming into the Department at a most difficult time, he has kept up an unrelenting believing and persistent force in which "red tape" has been cut to the hilt—and action made the watchword.

Under the general direction of Secretary MacCracken,



W. P. MacCracken, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Civil Aeronautics

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he is to realize the Consuming Officer—among as a captain of a ship—carrying an admiral. And upon no flagpole will there be found better merit, efficiency, and goodwill than that fostered by the "Captains of the Aeronautics Branch," Clarence M. Young.

Edward H. Howard, chief of the Regulations Division, came to the Department after extensive service both in military and commercial flying, he is a major in the Air Corps Reserve, having organized the first Air Corps Reserve unit.

"Ed" combines, rather paradoxically, the hard working habits of a modern business man with the easy going disposition of a sportsman and artist. Given charge of the Regulations Division almost before he had signed up with the Department, he went over its work with a microscopic eye, noting the types of cases, found new plans, and started operations. But it was not a case of "new brooms sweeping clean." "Ed" did not start to sweep till he was sure there was something to be swept. When he did sweep he kept on until the job was done. And he is still at it—during the week, for he admits that his main reason for coming to Washington was to have a part in this interesting new work, that of planning and at the same time regulating civil aeronautics. When the duty problem became routine, when the excitement dies down, undoubtedly he will be on his way—that rate type, an adventurer in business.

Howard has the mind and eye of a creator. It shows in drawings and sketches he fills in with map, sure details. And that sure creative mind has reduced routine work of his division by at least one-third, thus letting about same output.

Being a pilot, knowing the commercial game, he has a ready sympathy for the man in the field. He is the opposite of the tyrant no-fence type sometimes found in such positions of power. And, the almost every one of the Regulations Division men, he has a fine sense of humor, which helps in the rough spots.

Howard's first aide, Gilbert Dingley, is chief of the inspection section. As such, he is well known to pilots and operators throughout the country. But perhaps even those who know him do not realize the experience he has gained into more than 12 yr of flying. He was flying before the War, and was soon chosen for an expert instruction role with the Army, ending up as wing commander of field review at Riverside. Then, on through work as test pilot, with the air mail, with commercial companies, "on his own," sky-writing, advertising, aircraft inspecting, flying all kinds of planes under every conceivable condition. Thus in the air: Over 4,000 hr. Yet could not get him from Boeing himself. And this information not been set down, as required by law,



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in his entrance papers, he would still pass it by with "I don't just remember now."

Budwig is short, business-like—and business. Knowing the grid that is often the lot of the commercial pilot, "Bud" is always on the instant to help. He will give the other man the benefit of the doubt—and though he is extremely busy with new problems, he is approachable by any pilot who believes he has had a "poor dog." But that same long experience which makes him sympathetic also gives him a clear insight into any such problem, and the man who tries to "put one over" will ordinarily find Budwig one big jump ahead of him.

Jessie Lankford, chief of the hearing section, is the one man who used to get more "letters" than any other official in the department. Some of the letters said to him—often very broadly—"whoever was in charge of this hearing business ought to know something about flying." Whom they were mostly right. He should—and does. Lankford started out in 1917 as a cadet in the Army—he was in France—he has flown in the Air Corps and has a wide range of experience, having served with the Bureau of Standards for four years.

Jessie is probably the best-natured "hard" in the Aeronautics Branch, or he couldn't have sold all the letters so patiently. Short of help, money scarce for personnel other than students applying by the hundreds—he had plenty of ideas if he had wished to use them. But instead the usual answer went back, "sorry—we'll try to hurry things up." And the applicants who have visited his office in false hopes or to check up on their cases, have found him surprisingly quick to drop his own work and expedite these papers if at all possible.

Jessie is an wholeheartedly interested in his work that every one of the 50 clerks under him has caught his contagious spirit, and is willing to run overtime work after work during the rush season.

Dr. LOUIS H. BARON—medical director of the Aeronautics Branch, is the leading American and probably world authority on aviation medical problems. That is a big statement, but it is thoroughly supported by facts. He was one of the first Army surgeons to undertake this work, he organized the flight surgeon school of the Army, he was commandant of that school for a time, and

he is author of "Aviation Medicine," the leading textbook on this important subject. Doctor Bauer is a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve Medical Corps of the Army, Aviation Section.

That's his background. If you must land in the Department, or elsewhere in connection with official work you'll find him extremely congenial, easy to approach—and, if you wait till all official matters have been completed, you may be fortunate enough to be included in his story-telling circle. For Doctor Bauer has an apparently inexhaustible fund of stories, every one good and true—well, they're good, at any rate. He is aviation's best raconteur, and if you don't know what that is, look it up, for it isn't as bad as it sounds.

Medical Director Bauer, as the head of the Department's 400 regularly appointed counters, and final checker in case of doubtful applicants, is a brilliant man. He has earned you'll find him graduate, U.S.A. Medical School, "honorable graduate, Army College of Aviation Medicine," "graduate Army War College," and other significant statements.

But "Doc" Bauer—possessor of a lean, dry wit, story telling aptitude, is even more interesting. If you don't believe it, drop into his office sometime and ask him his latest.

When L. V. Kerber first appeared at the Department, to take over his duties as chief of the engineering section, he very nearly started civil warfare, though unconsciously. There's always one handsome man in every office. Up to that time there had been considerable "heat" about this matter—but when Kerber stepped upon the stage—well, metaphors began to make hash out of letters to writers, and worse ensued in sight. However, within 48 hr someone discovered Kerber was married, and only the force went to work again.

Avoid from that Kerber has lived up to his reputation as being a most modern and expert aeronautical engineer. A graduate of Michigan chief of various Army Air Corps sections at Dayton, such as Flight Test and Airplane Design, Aerodynamics Branch, designer of C-35, T-31, Daniel Guggenheim Fund professor of Applied Aerodynamics at the University of Michigan—Kerber has had all the necessary experience to qualify him for the important work of deciding which planes are safe to receive Government approval before they practically recommending them to the public.

Kerber is extremely strict in appearance, and when he is in his office he wears 60 mm in the lower. (Quite extremely self-controlled, he seems possessed of the ability to concentrate utterly on the subject in hand, to the exclusion of all personal matters. He represents the higher class of engineers to whom his science is as art more engrossing than anything else.

"Sweet" Kirtz is the desk-surgeon of the Department, so that he is the one who has to tell the flying breakdown just how much to send in and also "he's quick about it." That an apt of his handwork, which would soon almost begin to bring him a great deal of popularity in certain circles, Shorpy has managed to keep a large group of friends who will never be, and not at all. He is a graduate of Georgetown Law School, has been admitted to the bar (not the type popularly known by many aviators) and was for some years connected in legal assistance to General Patrick when the latter was Chief of the Air Corps.

Shorpy can tell you offhand whether you are likely to be fired or merely warned in breaking Regulation No. 2-1-14 by flying an unlicensed pilot under Brooklyn bridge with your last girl and using only one arm. Seriously, he is an expert on air law, and it is his duty to properly bring on cases of violations, as well as to be on the lookout for possible improvements in the air consumer regulations. He is chief of the Violations Section—and at one time when some violator sent him a "phony" check, Shorpy showed his master-mind by a brilliant letter which almost ended (but did not) that if gold could only were not forthcoming the Department of Justice would end up to the door in 12 hr. Shorpy had accused the check and was holding the powerful "wack." The violator "came through" in a hurry. Since then Shorpy has not taken in any but certified checks.

Harry H. Blue is widely known in the country as a speaker on almost any phase of aeronautics. In the rash days when every one was demanding information, Blue



Below: Ernest Jones, chief of the Publications Section. Middle: H. H. Blue, chief of the Bureau of Airplane Design and Construction.

was sent by Secretary MacFarlane on a long tour during which he talked twice a day or more. And they liked it so well that they asked for more, and the first thing he knew, Blue was returned as "paid-hunter" for the Secretary himself, when the latter suddenly found he could not find certain important engineers.

Blue is chief of the division of airports and aeronautical information. He has had an extensive engineering education, has been a state engineer in California, has served in both lighter-than-air and heavier-than-air services of the Army, and has written numerous articles on aeronautics. He is rated as an superb pilot and an observer in the Army. He is also a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve.

Blue is subject to all extremely thorough. When he takes up a subject he goes over it completely so that there is no point on which he can be "stung." And he expects those under him to be just as well informed. This division morale is high, because he makes up for his helpers and works for their advancement if deserved.

From his public speaking he has developed a knack of easy speech, and an ability to hold an audience even on a technical subject. And he Kerber of Engineering.

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he is devoted to his work, and has little time for other matters. Probably he is one of the best informed men on aeronautics in the country.

Ernest Jones, chief of publications section and editor of *Digest of Air News*, was connected with aeronautics probably earlier than any other man in the Department. He published the first aeronautical magazine, he knew the Wrights, Curtiss, Boeing, and all the others who flew far back in the early days. He had a mind filled with facts, figures, history, and anecdotes about the first days of flying that would make an absorbingly interesting book. And he supports them with pictures of planes that in these days seem like the product of discarded imaginations.

Jones is an indispensable worker after dark. And when he is on the trail of a statistic there is no stopping him. He will get it or he has to call up the President to write some statistics operator who believes in shrouding his figures with mystery. He is a hard worker, and can keep a dozen people busy without the slightest difficulty, like a city editor handling out rush assignments to reporters and re-write men. And he has a supply of nervous energy that seems never to give out as his unslated rush after facts.

If you can catch him away from the office at luncheon, or where there is no chance for a busy statistic to be lurking, he will relax and become most entertaining in drawing mental pictures of famous old aviators, describing some amazing incident with real art. And if you can't remember something about that dim past and so



Below: Albert Bendley, chief of the Inspection Division. Right: Edward H. Weaver, chief of the Registration Division.

retrace is found in any book, go ask Ernest Jones—it's a much he can give you the answer without a second's hesitation.

The first act of the Aeronautics Branch to get into action was the Aeronautics Division, as the division for lights was housing a frustrating dinner. To Captain F. C. Hengsbury, with then a distrust, experienced in the Bureau of Lighthouses, fell the task of assembling a staff to survey routes and select sites, engineers to build fields, and create a vast canvassing force. Hengsbury was not a flier, nor had he any special knowledge of flying. But he knew lighting from beginning to end.

Today the Aeronautics Division functions with mathematical precision. The airports are lighted, fields are operating, radio beacons working, new devices constantly under test. All supervised by a man who did not know flying. But he knows it now. Hengsbury has flown over his route, has inspected his own lights, no longer one a job, say, "Well—but you don't understand it from the bird's eye."

Personally Hengsbury is a drier. A drier and a thinker, in addition to being a clever engineer. He is broke but pleasant. He has been at it, and he looks the part of a serious man. He has the manner of one accustomed to being checked, and also the manner of one who considers with pleasant freedom. He is agreeable in conversation and he can explain his lighting system without intricate and baffling terms. He is always looking "years ahead" to the time when air traffic will be thick enough to be a fair problem. And it is certain that if he is still in charge of the Aeronautics Division at that time, the airways will be operated smoothly, safely, and with the efficiency that is so evident in Hengsbury's every move and word.

F. J. Martz, chief of the communication section, is a prototype figure because of his varied experience in flying. Beginning with the Royal Flying Corps in 1916 he flew in the First war, was named the man named the American Air Service in 1918, then was sent to Canada and later to the United States with the British Air Mission. He developed the moving map for spotting from enemy code; wrote most of the bombing bulletins, pamphlets on instruction and training and lectured at schools throughout the country. He has been cited, and has received the Order of the British Empire. He developed the doctrinal sponsoring gear for firing through propellers, while in the Bureau of Standards, a special bomb night, a mobile bank to take a burning plane in a sign, and installed the Douglas command at several fields. He was with the medical section of the Army for a time, and then after the war, in 1919, left the service because of bad health.

During the next year or two visited foreign aviation fields, inspecting every important airport in Europe. He then returned to this country, worked in commercial aviation, and came to the Department. He is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Corps Reserve.

It is an indication of Martz's modesty that this writer was acquainted with him for over eight months before learning any of the experiences he has had, and that these were obtained only after first hearing of them from another source.

If space permitted, it would be easy to go on down the list, mentioning chiefs of other sections, their assistants, and the field men. Those who have been so briefly touched are the ones with whom the aviation industry comes most often in contact by correspondence. The others—Miller, Branch, of Airways, Tidmore, Director of Airports and Information, Gandy of Engineering, and still others, will be met by any of the industry who go to the Department in Washington. Each one has his specialized work and is peculiarly fitted by his background for that assignment.

They're all glad to help when they can—and when you get to Washington drop in for a minute and see the men with whom you're most corresponding. You'll find they're not just "dink flares"—and maybe "Doc" Bauer will tell you a new one.

Heating AND Ventilating FOR AIRPORT BUILDINGS

WE HAVE determined that 9,000 sq ft of direct radiation or its equivalent in some other form of heating surface will be required for each hangar. Strictly speaking, the heat loss from the other hangars will not be quite as high as we found it to be in hangar "A" due to the fact that the others are more or less protected from the cold winds by the adjoining buildings. The possible reduction in heating surface would be slight, though so it is best to have the added factor of safety than the slight surplus given.

The next step is to select the type of heating surface that is to be installed. This requires considerable thought if the best results are to be obtained. The parameters for which the building is to be used will determine this to a great extent.

If direct radiation is to be used it must be located very carefully. It must occupy as little floor space as possible. It must not be placed so high as to waste heat by convection, but it must be placed so low as to be effective. The position for which the building is to be used will determine this to a great extent. It is very difficult to locate the large amount of radiation required and still observe all these prohibitions.

There are a great many types of heaters on the market that were developed in the past few years for use primarily as factories, garages, etc. These of course each have their own merits, but all of them are generally spoken of as "unit heaters." These heaters are admirably suited for installation in hangars for several reasons. They do not occupy any valuable floor

space, being installed high-up in the roof trusses or on the side walls high enough to be out of the way. Being out of reach they are not likely to become damaged by carelessness or accident thereby insuring the reduction of the cost of maintenance. Last and not least important they maintain a more even temperature throughout the entire heater.

With direct radiation the heat is quite likely to be located in the roof and stay there leaving the floors cold and drafty. The unit heaters consist of a heating element usually made of tubing having a spiral fin attached to the outside of the tubes. The tubes are heated by the steam or hot-water being circulated inside them. The air in the building is forced through the heater by a small propeller type fan, mounted directly behind the heater. Thus the air in the building is constantly in circulation and reflects on the front of the heater direct the warm air toward the floor. This constant deflection downward of the heated air tends to maintain more even temperatures in the building than can be obtained by direct radiation.

The installation of these heaters is shown in *Fig. 3*. In *Fig. 3* is also shown screws extending in general, the path taken by the air being circulated through the heaters. A type of unit heater is shown in *Fig. 6*. *Fig. 6* shows a reproduction of an actual installation of another make of unit heater.

The majority of the manufacturers have rated their unit heaters in equivalent direct radiating surface so that in designing a system in which unit heaters are to be used the amount of direct radiation required is compared in the actual number. Then unit heaters may be selected that are equivalent to the amount of direct radiation.

In our hangar we have found that we require 9,000 sq ft of direct radiation.

We use unit heaters, each of which has a capacity of 900 sq ft of direct radiation. This gives the required total.

These heaters are located on the plan as shown in *Fig. 3*, and are shown in elevation on the cross section *Fig. 3*.

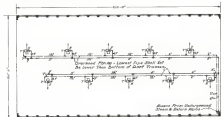


Fig. 3

Article II: Selection of Heating Surfaces to be Installed and Design of the Distribution System

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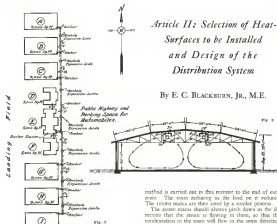


Fig. 4

method is carried out in this manner to the end of each main. The main radiating on the load on it reduces. The return mains are then solved by a similar process.

The steam mains should always pitch down in the direction that the steam is flowing in them, so that the condensation in the main will flow in the same direction as the steam. This makes it necessary to provide some means of removing this condensation from the main. Otherwise the main would eventually fill with condensed steam and being full of water no steam could be delivered to the heaters.

A device for the purpose is indicated at *T* in *Fig. 1*, at the very end of the steam main, and is known as a trap. There are many traps on the market some of which operate automatically and some of which operate on the float principle. These float traps are to run water but close against the pressure of steam. A combination of these two principles is embodied in the trap shown in *Fig. 6*. The float principle is utilized for relieving the main of condensation and the thermostatic principle is utilized for allowing air to escape from the main.

Traps are used also on the individual unit heaters. Their function is to hold the steam in the heaters until the heat has been removed from it and it again becomes condensation or water. As water is passed into the return main, then back to the boilers, where it is again evaporated into steam, starting another cycle. The traps on the unit heaters are shown at *T*, *Fig. 1* and *Fig. 3*.

Valves shown at *V*, *Fig. 1* and *Fig. 3*, should be installed in the supply line to each heater and on the return side of each trap. This is necessary in that it permits the main to be shut off at any point of separation they may be made without depriving the whole building of heat while the repairs are being made.

A main service valve should be installed in the main

All that now remains to be done in the hangar is to arrange a system of piping to convey steam to each unit heater and a return to convey the condensed steam back to the boiler plant.

The steam and return mains enter the hangar as shown in *Fig. 1* in the Southeast corner. These mains enter the building underground and run in the corner and distribute in an overhead system of piping to the individual heaters as is also shown *Fig. 1* and in elevation in *Fig. 3*.

In solving these mains any table of pipe sizes that is found in a reliable handbook on this subject may be used. By this it is not meant that anyone not familiar with the subject can take such a table and lay out a successful system. Like all other tables, they must be intelligently used or they are worthless.

The total equivalent direct radiation the main supplies at the point where it first enters the building is of course the total for the building or 9,000 sq ft. By referring to a table we find that this will require a six inch pipe. Proceeding along this main we come to a point where it splits into two each supplying five heaters or 4,500 sq ft. Referring to the table again we find that each of these mains must be five inch pipe. Then going on we find one heater takes off the main. This leaves a balance of four heaters or 3,600 sq ft to be served. From the table we find that this will require a four-inch pipe. This

in the corner for turning steam on or off the entire building when desired.

The amount of heat stored by leaving the heating system in operation when the large hangar doors are open is terrific. It is too much to expect that someone is going to remember to close the main valve each time it is necessary to open one of these doors. Therefore, it would seem advisable to develop some device to do this automatically. This could be done at a slight expense, and would pay for itself in a very short time in increased efficiency thereby reducing the operating costs.

Having completed the design of the heating system to be installed in the hangars, the next step is to design similar systems for buildings D, E, and F.

As previously stated the various arrangements of these buildings as so varied in different cases that it will not be practical for us to go into this question in detail. The amount of direct radiation required for each individual room in these buildings must be determined by the same process that we used for the hangar.

In most of the rooms in these buildings it will be possible to install direct radiation. Some of the rooms will require mechanical ventilation and in these cases the air used for ventilation may be heated to a high enough temperature to also heat the rooms in addition to supplying ventilation, if desired.

All of the rooms in the buildings that are likely to be occupied by more than a very few persons should be provided with mechanical ventilation. This applies especially to class rooms, passenger waiting rooms and other large public spaces.

In considering these spaces the volume of air required will be determined by the number of occupants in the room. This volume of air must be taken in from outdoors and be delivered to the several rooms by a fan. The fans usually used for this type of work are of the centrifugal type, driven by electric motors.

Obviously some means must be provided to warm the air before it is introduced into the rooms. This is usually

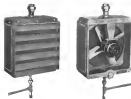


Fig. 1

accomplished by the use of heaters similar to the heating elements used in the unit heaters that were installed in the hangars. The size of the heaters naturally will depend on the volume of air to be heated.

In arriving at the total heating load on the boiler plant this air heating load must be taken into consideration also. The load in equivalent direct radiation may be determined by the equation previously given for determining the amount of heat required to warm the air in the hangar



Fig. 2

It is usually most advisable to introduce the fresh air into the rooms through grilles or registers in the walls of the rooms at a distance of about seven or eight feet above the floor.

The air is delivered to these grilles or registers through a system of sheet-metal ducts provided with dampers for regulating the flow of air to each outlet.

In most cases it will be desirable to introduce this air into the rooms at a temperature of about 70 deg. F. In this system air is supplied in approximately room temperature for ventilation, while direct radiation is installed in the room in sufficient amounts to offset the heat losses.

In rooms where it is not desirable to install direct radiation the air used for ventilation may be heated to a temperature sufficiently high to offset the heat losses in cooling to room temperature. In a system of this kind the temperature of the air entering the rooms will be determined by the heat losses from the room.

All rooms in which air is supplied for ventilation must also be provided with vents for the escape of the air. The vent registers or grilles are usually located in the wall of the room close to the floor, and are connected to the outdoors by sheet metal ducts. These ducts must be provided with dampers to control the movement of air through them also.

Thus, air is taken from outdoors, is heated, delivered to the rooms, circulates through the room, leaves through the vents, and again returns to the outdoors. In this way fresh air is constantly being circulated through the rooms and if the system is properly designed, planning and desirable conditions will be maintained in the rooms. A system of this kind will eliminate stuffy air conditions, odors, etc. from the rooms.

Occasionally you may find systems installed in buildings where provision is made for the introduction of air into rooms but no means are provided. These are invariably unsatisfactory because in a case of this kind, if the rooms are reasonably tight, it is just like trying to blow air into a bottle. You cannot blow more air into a room than can escape. Some air will escape through cracks around doors and windows but this is



Fig. 3

never enough for any system of mechanical ventilation.

In addition to heating the air to be used for ventilation it should also be passed through an air filter or an air washer to remove the dust. It is very surprising to see the accumulation of dust on an installation of air filters, where the air that passes through them is to all outward appearances perfectly pure and free from dust.

THE INSTALLATION of equipment for clearing the air used for ventilation in addition to bringing about more healthful conditions in the rooms, also often opens a spring in the direction of walls, etc. due to the fact that they are not sealed by deposits of dust caused by radon air being used for ventilation.

Corridors and similar rooms are usually equipped with an exhaust system of ventilation only. That is, no heated air is introduced into them. In this case a grille is usually placed in the door to the space so that air may be drawn from a corridor or large room through the toilet rooms, after which it is expelled to the outdoors.

It is important that some form of ventilating system be installed in toilet rooms. In some cases it may be deemed advisable to supply fresh air to these rooms similar to the way it is supplied to other rooms. If this is done an exhaust system should be used that will exhaust a slightly greater amount of air than the amount supplied. By doing this the toilet rooms are kept under a reduced pressure and this will successfully prevent odors from creeping into the other rooms adjoining.

Paint shops, shoe rooms, spray booths and many other rooms used for special industrial applications will also require adequate exhaust systems to carry away poisonous fumes, for the protection of the health of the workers.

Let us assume that we have calculated the amount of heat required for each individual room in buildings D, E, and F and have added to this the total amount of heat required for ventilation. We will assume that this total heat, each of these three buildings is found to be 5,000 sq ft of direct radiation.

We have now determined the total amount of heat required for each of the buildings shown in Fig. 2. These may be tabulated as follows:

Building A	9,000 sq ft
Building B	9,000 sq ft
Building C	9,000 sq ft
Building D	5,000 sq ft
Building E	5,000 sq ft
Building F	5,000 sq ft
Building G	9,000 sq ft
Building H	9,000 sq ft
Building I	9,000 sq ft
Total	69,000 sq ft

The size of the boiler plant naturally will depend on the total amount of heat to be supplied. Therefore we must determine this total before we can proceed further. We have just determined the total required for all buildings.

To this it will be advisable to add 10 per cent to cover miscellaneous losses. This includes losses of heat in the underground piping, etc. This amount will be $69,000 \times 10 = 75,900$ sq ft.

There now remains but one item that must be included in our calculations of total heat requirements. That is the hot water heating load, or the amount of heat required for heating water for domestic use.

The amount of hot water required per hour depends upon the number of fixtures to which hot water is connected, and the number of processes carried on at the airport that require the use of hot water.

We will assume that we have determined that the total amount of hot water required is 843 gal. per hr. The equation for converting gallons of water to be heated per hour to equivalent direct radiation is:

$$\text{Sq Ft} = \frac{\text{GPM} \times 8.33 \times \text{Tr}}{240}$$

Where GPM = Gallons heated per hour

8.33 = weight of one gallon

Tr = Temperature rise

240 = Number of Btu given off by one square foot of direct radiation

In our installation we will assume that the minimum temperature of the water in the water mains is 40 deg. F and that we desire to raise the temperature of the water to 180 deg. F. The temperature rise will be 180 deg. — 40 deg. = 140 deg.

The equivalent direct radiation of our hot-water heating load therefore will be

$$\frac{843 \times 8.33 \times 140}{240} = 4,100 \text{ sq ft}$$

Adding this to our other heating loads we will have as the total load on the boiler plant:

For buildings	75,900 sq ft
For hot-water	4,100 sq ft
Total	80,000 sq ft

In other words, our boiler plant must be made-up of boilers and auxiliary equipment of sufficient size to supply steam to the equivalent of 80,000 sq ft of direct radiation.

FOREIGN ACTIVITIES

Design Less Costly
Sport Plane in England

LONDON (REUTERS)—There has been considerable reaction in design circles in this country for a light plane of much lower cost than the preceding types. Recently a design has been produced for a machine expected to fill this demand.

It is known as the "Canyon" "Sport" a one-place, personal, folding wing monoplane powered with the 40 hp. Scorpion II engine. While this is still under construction, its performance may be approximately as it represents, to a large extent, refinements on previous models of Canyon Aircraft, Ltd., which have been quite successful.

This machine is expected to have a top speed in excess of 100 m.p.h., a cruising speed of about 50-55 m.p.h. and a landing speed of 40-45 m.p.h. Excellent visibility is provided by placing the cockpit just behind the leading edge of the wing in such a manner that the pilot may look ahead and below the wing without effort.

The altimeter and air speed indicator are located on the new type in the form of vision of the pilot. Other instruments are mounted on the center board. The shock absorber device is located within the fuselage. Other characteristics include: Span, 24 ft.; weight empty, 1,117 lb.; weight loaded, 1,500 lb. Its cost will be about \$2,000.

Ackerley Wins Cup Race

LONDON (REUTERS)—Flight Lieutenant L. Ackerley won the 10th year's King's Cup race over a 1,500 mi. course around Great Britain in a Gloster Gladiolus with an average speed of 150.3 m.p.h. Lieutenant L. G. Richardson in a Moth was second and Capt. W. L. Hope, last year's winner, was third. Miss Winifred Spencer, one of three women competitors, finished 610. Captain T. H. Stock, who was leading for a narrow margin at the close of the first of the two days required for the event, encountered engine trouble and finished sixth.

Autogiro Climbs to 12,000 Ft.

LONDON (REUTERS)—Information recently has been received from Smeat Dun Janz in La Cerna, who has been carrying out experiments with one type of Autogiro in Madrid that the machine has climbed up to 12,000 ft. in official tests. The place in question is fitted with a device for automatic control while the machine remains stationary the result of which has been to get the machine off the ground in an extremely brief space and with a very short run.

Foreign News Briefs

The Moscow, N. B. Municipal Airport was closed by an ice mist July 1 and 2.

A fatal official report on the case of the Great Zepplin's engine trouble on the recent attempted flight to the United States makes violation of the shaft system.

"Metal fatigue" caused the falling of the tail in the starboard engine of the City of Orleans, which crashed in the English Channel June 17, according to the board of inquiry.

Flying a cable monoplane, Capt. J. D. Parkinson, of the Central Road Flying Services, Ltd., Montreal, Que., recently established a new official Canadian altitude record of 20,000 ft.

It has been proposed that the new Toronto, Canada, airport be situated for the Grand and Beaver, the first fly-in to cross the Atlantic in a direct flight.

An elaborate new aerodrome is to be built at Dorset, near Antwerp.

Rowley Harries, single-engine leaders, are being built in England for the Greek Government.

Hempage has eight airports, seven owned by the government and one by a private citizen.

An airplane goes to press the Southern Cross has reached Bagdad on its attempt to fly from Australia to England in sixteen days. It arrived at Bagdad on the tenth day.

Makes Light Plane
Distance Record

WINNEPEG (REUTERS)—D. S. Zimmerman, of Marshall, Minn., recently set up a new non-stop distance mark for light planes when he flew a Nicholas-Bentley N-B-1 from Brownsville, Tex., to this city, a distance of about 1,700 mi., in 25 hr. He took off at 2:45 a.m. on July 2 and landed at about 6:45 that afternoon. The machine weighs 772 lb. and carried a load of 321 lb. The fuel weight was consumed by employing a mixture of 10 per cent benzene. It consumed 16 gal. of oil.

The plane from Brownsville was Waco, Tex.; Gulliver, Okla.; York, Neb.; Vandenberg, S. D.; and Orono, N. D. The engine was a Leiford 65 hp. The machine is a low-wing monoplane designed by Haring for the Nicholas-Bentley company. The stock model has accommodations for three.

Dornier Dux Ready For Tests

GENEVA (SWITZERLAND)—It is reported here that the great 508 passenger Dornier Dux has been completed and is ready for its flight tests, which will be started soon. The machine is a plane developed for trans-oceanic flights on the principle of the "wing wing." It is powered with twelve engines mounted within the wing, which has a low-wing configuration for passengers. The performance of the machine is viewed with considerable interest.

Chinese Designers Develop Military Plane



CHINA PRODUCES A military machine. This is a bomber and torpedo plane recently completed. It was designed and constructed by the aerial war establishment at Fowchow, China.

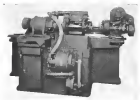
THE BUYER'S LOG BOOK



Norton Cam Grinding Machine

IN ORDER to solve the problem presented in cam grinding for aircraft engines, the Norton Co., Worcester, Mass., has developed a specially arranged grinder which is equipped with a motor driven grinding wheel spindle and a cam grinding attachment for large diameter boss cams. This was made necessary because of the fact that radial engine cams are usually much larger than those employed in automobile engines and have contours with several lobes adjacent to which are re-entrant curves of comparatively small radii. Two such cams are usually made integral separated by a narrow space and not attached to a shaft or any other part of the engine when ready for grinding. The company also manufactures grinding machines for other purposes.

In the Norton machine the cam grinding attachment is driven from a special handcock having an extra speed reduction to obtain the slow speeds of revolution necessary in grinding this type of cam. These matters are



A new view of the Norton grinding machine for aircraft.

employed for driving the pump, the wheel spindle and the handcock.

Grinding of this type of cam with small wheels is a much slower operation than the grinding of automobile cams since the surface to be ground is several times greater and the smaller radius of the re-entrant curves requires slower revolution in order that the roller may follow the re-entrant cam and the grinding wheel have time to cut. It is also impossible for a very small grinding wheel to remove metal as rapidly as a large wheel. Wear of the grinding wheel is always an important factor in cam grinding as a small reduction in the size of the wheel will affect the shape of the contour. When using very small wheels on large cams the wheel wears rapidly and for very accurate work the final finish grinding must be accomplished with a new wheel. Radial engine cams have re-entrant curves of such small radii that grinding wheels less than 1/2 in. diameter may sometimes be necessary to finish the contour.

"Postelite"

A HIGH-POWERED portable electric emergency light which could be used to advantage at busy airports, is offered by the Postelite Company, 1108 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. The "Postelite" consists of a lighting unit for which current is furnished by a self-contained storage battery of high capacity providing a long operating life. When discharged the battery can be instantly and easily recharged by a fully charged one. A specially shaped reflector and a special bellows to provide a high degree of brilliancy and range.



The "Postelite"

The weight of the unit complete is 15 lb. The Postelite can be furnished in either the beam or flood type. According to the manufacturer the beam type Postelite will project a 300,000-cp beam on object up to one and one-quarter miles away depending on conditions, and the flood type Postelite will brilliantly illuminate 50,000 sq ft at a distance of 30 ft., this area being equal to that of a circular area with a diameter of about 200 ft.

The battery furnished is a special non-spillable type, having a capacity of 15 ampere hours. It is designed to provide a high capacity with a low weight. Spare batteries can be furnished to replace during operation.

A portable projector unit embodies the use of an 8 in. brass single-shell reflector aimed over aerial and designed to throw a powerful ray. The lantern is machined from brass composition castings and then polished. It is designed to rotate on with the light pointing in any direction.

This device operates continuously for two and one-half hours or a total of about three and one-half hours in intermittent service. A smaller bellows giving half as much light will double the burning hours.

The projector is suitable for use with a battery and when used in this manner is known as the "Beaconite." It is furnished complete with clamps for attachment.

Natio Airport Building Tile

NATIOCO double shell face tile for all types of airport construction is now being offered by the National Pavement Company, Pottsville Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. This tile is manufactured in 3x12 in. face for 6 or 8 in. wall.

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AVIATION
July 11, 1939

By
Robert R. Osborn

We are that one of the papers to be presented at the national convention of the National Association of Best Flying Records in "The Use of Best Flying as the Result of the Development of Aviation." This seems to us to be a very interesting subject and should arouse a lot of discussion. For instance, what is to happen the possibility of a large bonus for the two men and a small stipend who could make a specialty of quick service in ascending altitudes, such as the following: coming in over the water.

RANT As our short to have been landing wishes to rest short time, level, cannot tell about those there and last long, with wind blowing long way of field. Location near good road, garage, railroad station, desirable but not unusual. With in narrow space as premises. Quick reply appreciated. Reply Airplane, 2-77772.

Also, while we are on the subject of our state, we are reminded that the largest Aviator dropped in a while ago with a reputation for Mr. H. Hoover in connection with his latest problem. He claims that the farmers should be encouraged to grow



more potatoes and light garden truck, and set to much corn, wheat, oats and rye, to the latter crop make it very difficult for him to get around in his jump during the hot summer months.

The prize for this week has been awarded successfully to the typewriter on the New York paper who submitted "Aeroplane" as an article describing some of Commander Byrd's ships which were "flying up and down Antarctic altitudes."

This time seems to have wandered into our mail somehow with no intention as to who the donor might be.



Charles A. Levine, influential airplane manufacturer, accompanied by John Levine, dropped at the San Juan airport today, on the way from Canada, Me. to New York. The stop was for the purpose of refueling, which was accomplished on land in Texas. A rather bad take-off caused a fear that the machine would crash, but Levine was successful in getting it into the air. Two abandoned auto cockles carrying a total of 217 horses of all were used.

Apparently the crowd at the field needed a few horses after witnessing the last take-off.

John sent in by A.G.P. from the Havana Post Havana, Cuba.

Attacked by three stray dogs, Henderson Brothers' No. 16, resting at the Republics Los Angeles, California, was taken yesterday afternoon for treatment to the emergency hospital at Marquette. The attack on the porch occurred at the corner of Campa and San. Columbia Street, the animals being driven from their cage before they had inflicted serious injury. At the hospital it was found that No. 16 was in no danger of dying as a result of his wounds.

We repeat the explanation that flying and "being in the dogs" are so closely associated.

The airplane industry has gotten into production in its many different types and large quantities of airplanes with such recognized designers and builders, we have been wondering for a long time just how soon someone was going to make a serious mistake. Considering all of these conditions there seems to have been flying along fairly well up to now, but according to the dipping seen in Mr. J.E.P. of Brackley, Pa., some designer seems to have become rather badly befuddled as a new ship just brought out—

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still with a 201 horsepower Wright Whirlwind. The wings are fabric, covered with wood spars."

The newspapers state that a group of Federal soldiers in Mexico were bombed in mistake by one of their own airplanes recently. According to the account we read, the soldier was supposed to explore a certain region and touch any suspicious looking soldiers. Judging by the pictures we've been seeing in the Sunday newspaper sections for some time the pilot would be justified in bombing anybody in sight if he were sent out with that order.

Mr. R.A.S. of New York sends in a clipping from the New York Times with the comment,—"The ship was lucky. I've been in this position too but I have always found when my motor stopped that I had about twenty perpendicular feet to fly."

The dipping vessel, "Bliss" was resting at an altitude of 200 ft. when the motor stopped. He tried to land in a field and had only twenty horizontal feet to glide."

Apparently while reflecting on the new reputation whereby the pilot can drop his passengers through the floor by pulling a lever, it is of New York that had only twenty horizontal feet to glide."



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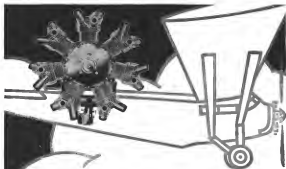
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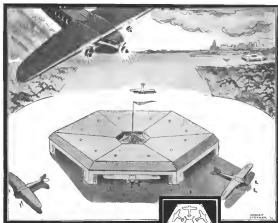
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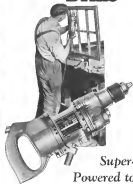
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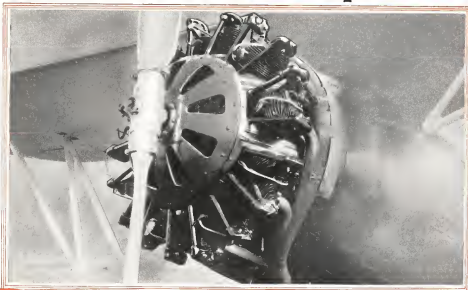
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